

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1146 - HB 1592

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Identifies transfer or relocation of a physician to an affiliated entity as specific reasons, other than breach of contract by the employee, for which restrictions on employment agreements with physicians employed independently of a practice purchase are void.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, if a hospital terminates an independently employed physician's employment contract for any reason other than breach, all restrictions on the physician's right to practice medicine after the contract termination are void.
- Specifying two examples of such reasons will not result in a significant administrative, regulatory, or fiscal impact on the Board of Medical Examiners.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$890,444.43.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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